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**TOLL-LIKE RECEPTOR 8** 

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Signed by: Laci Burhop

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005. Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1-29 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 28 are said to be drawn to a method of eliciting a TLR-8 mediated cellular response, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.1;
- II. Claims 4-11 and 29 are said to be drawn to a method of treating an organism, classified in Class 514, subclass 12;
- III. Claims 12-21 are said to be drawn to a method of identifying a TLR-8 agonist,

  classified in Class 435, subclass 6±;
- IV. Claims 22-25 are said to be drawn to a method of identifying a TLR-8 antagonist, classified in Class 435, subclass 6+;
- V. Claim 26 is said to be drawn to a method of using a dominant negative variant of TLR-8, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.95
- VI. Claim 27 is said to be drawn to a method of using a IRM compound as a positive control, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.1.

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## Election

In response, Applicants elect Group III, claims 12-21, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

### Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group III. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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